

Definitions

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Sec. 409. In this title, the following definitions apply:

- (1) The term "Fund" means the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund established by section 405(a).
- (2) The term "Office" means the Office of Protected Resources, in the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- (3) The term "stranding" means an event in the wild in which—
 - (A) a marine mammal is dead and is—
 - (i) on a beach or shore of the United States; or
 - (ii) in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States (including any navigable waters); or
 - (B) a marine mammal is alive and is—
 - (i) on a beach or shore of the United States and unable to return to the water;
 - (ii) on a beach or shore of the United States and, although able to return to the water, is in need of apparent medical attention; or
 - (iii) in the waters under the jurisdiction of the United States (including any navigable waters), but is unable to return to its natural habitat under its own power or without assistance.
- (4) The term "stranding network participant" means a person who is authorized by an agreement under section 112(c) to take marine mammals as described in section 109(h)(1) in response to a stranding.
- (5) The term "Tissue Bank" means the National Marine Tissue Bank provided for under section 407(a).
- (6) The term "unusual mortality event" means a stranding that—
 - (A) is unexpected;
 - (B) involves a significant die-off of any marine mammal population; and
 - (C) demands immediate response.